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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned)	
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For: VIDEO COMBINING)	September 29, 2003
APPARATUS AND METHOD)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2000-276610	Japan	October 6, 2000
2000-095535	Japan	April 4, 2000

REMARKS

The above-listed Japanese documents are identified at pages 2 and 26 of the specification, respectively, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese patent documents are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. US patent No. 6,559,870 B1 corresponds to Japanese patent '610. English abstracts obtained from a commercial data base for each of the Japanese patent documents also are enclosed as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

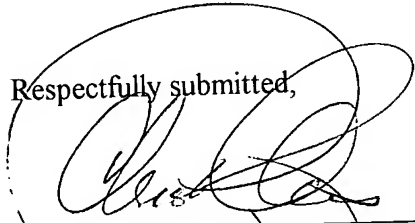
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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